



“Magic: the Gathering” Card Game Advent Calendar

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TOOLS:

- [Cutting mat \(1\)](#)
- [Markers or other decorating materials \(1\)](#)
- [Ruler \(1\)](#)
- [X-Acto knife \(1\)](#)



PARTS:

- [Booster packs of "Magic: the Gathering" or other cards \(3\)](#)
- [Pieces of large card stock poster board or cardboard \(at least 14"x27"\) \(2\)](#)
- [Pieces of 2"x3" paper \(24\)](#)
- [½" double-sided adhesive tape \(100'\)](#)
- [Single-sided tape \(1\)](#)

SUMMARY

This year my son was enamored of Advent calendars – the idea of getting a little something every day from Hanukkah to Christmas. He also wanted to give them as gifts to his friends. He came up with the idea of a calendar that contained *Magic: the Gathering* cards. This was a great rainy-day-off school project for the two of us. We put it together using paper and tape (and the cards, of course) in just about an hour or so.

Step 1 — “Magic: the Gathering” Card Game Advent Calendar



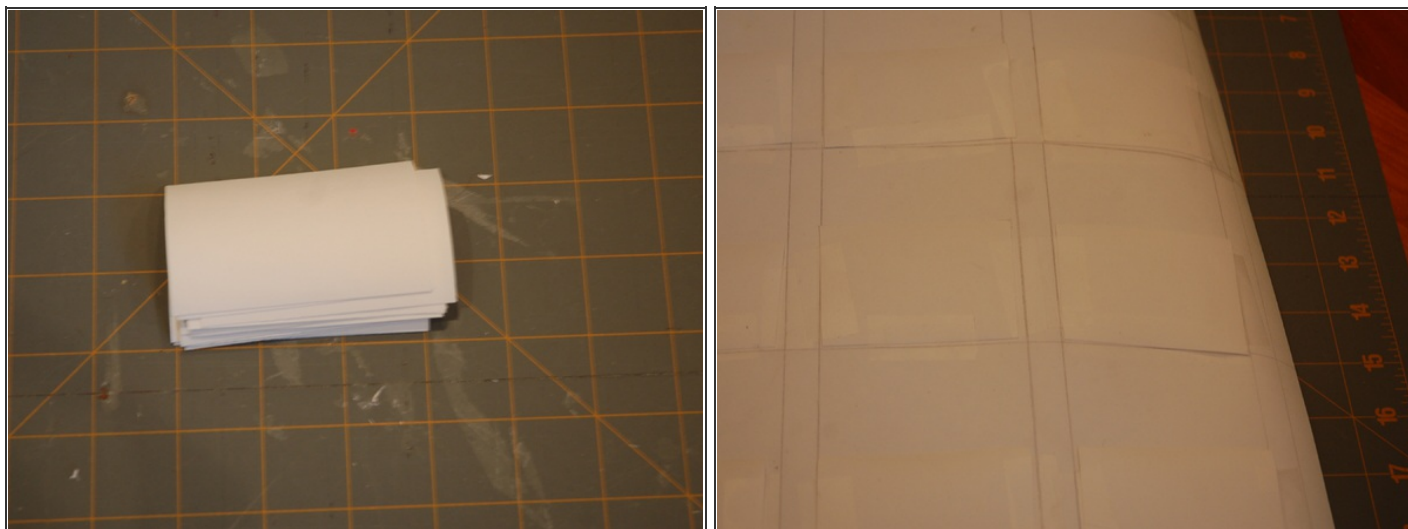
- Start by cutting 2 pieces of paper to the right size.

Step 2



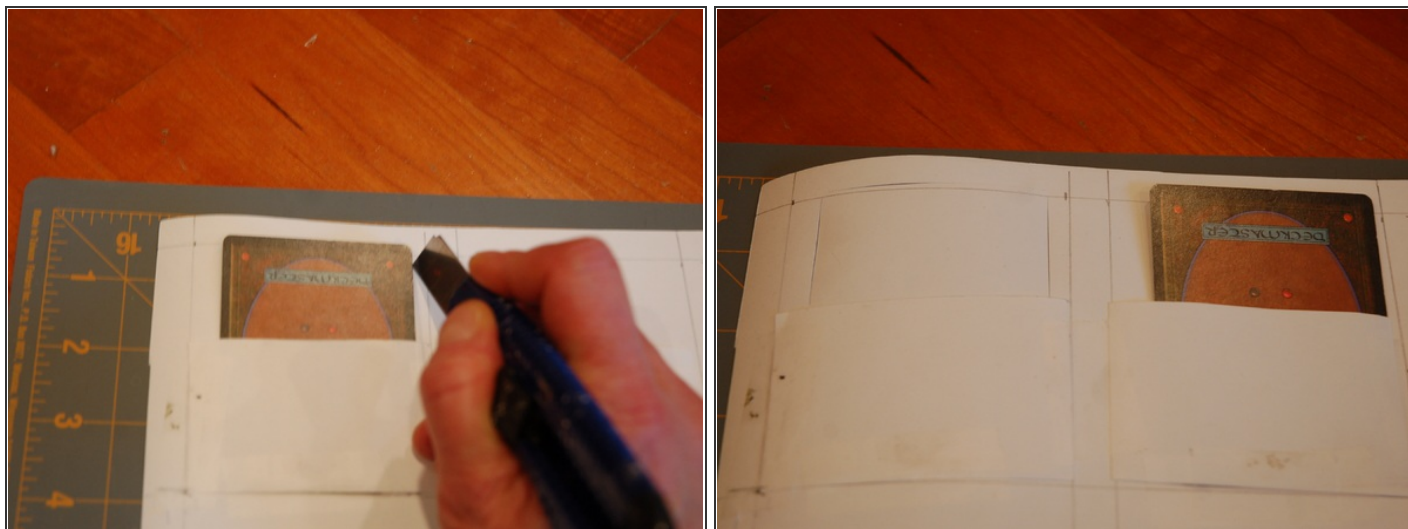
- Draw grid lines where you want the pockets to go. Leave at least 1/2 inch on each side of the card.

Step 3



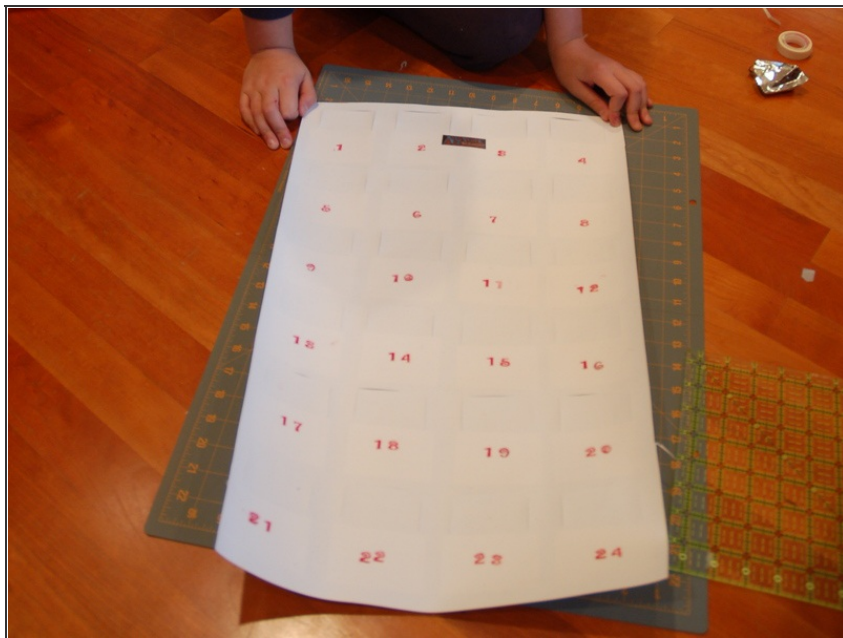
- Cut 24 "pocket" pieces (2"x3"). You could also probably use post-it notes.
- Tape the pockets onto the grid using the single-sided tape.

Step 4



- Using a card you don't care about as a guide, put the card in the pocket and score around the top half.
- Do not score all the way around; leave some parts uncut. Also, don't cut the tape from the pocket above.

Step 5



- Decorate the front and label the pockets

Step 6



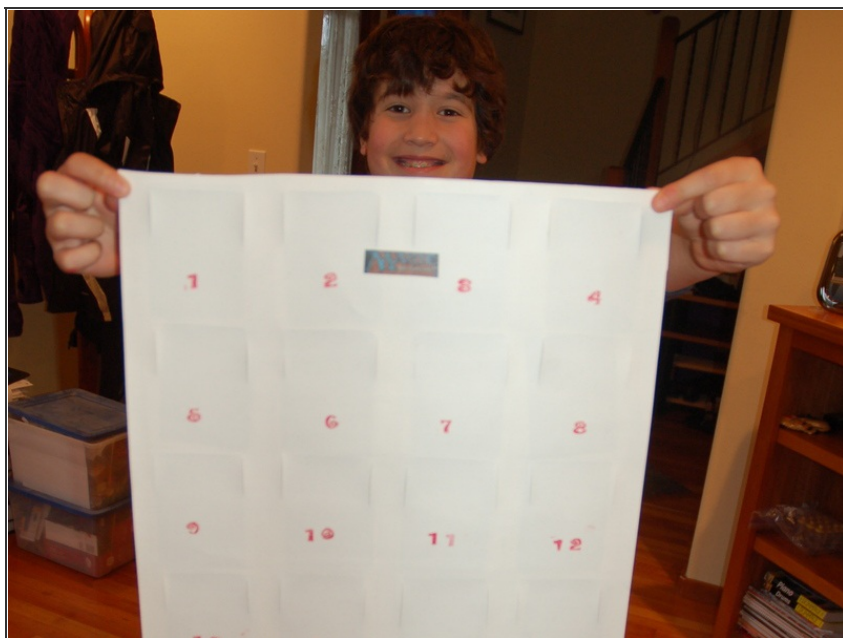
- Flip it over and put the cards in order in the pockets. Make sure you note where the #1 pocket is and go in the right order.
- My son decided that the last day should contain a full booster pack as a special present.

Step 7



- Put double-sided tape in the gutters around the cards. Make sure the cards don't touch the tape.
- Put the back onto the front, carefully aligning the sides and press firmly to make sure they stick.
- Trim the edges to make sure both sides are the same height/width.

Step 8



- Proudly present!

The calendars are a hit with the recipients! They can't wait to start opening them up.

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